(b) Does not arise.

(c) Minimum Essential Amenities have already been provided at all Railway Stations in Bihar. Regarding cleanliness, special drives are conducted by way of introduction of mechanized cleaning and enhanced financial powers of Station Masters to ensure cleanliness at stations. Special Committees are also formed to monitor cleanliness and maintain all basic passenger amenities properly at stations.

Development of Sabarmati Station

†2856. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURYAKANTBHAI ACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is planning to develop Sabarmati Railway Station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Doubling of Mumbai-Chennai rail route

2857. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mumbai-Chennai rail routes goes on a single track for nearly 300 kms. unlike other routes connecting two major main metro cities;

(b) whether there is any plan to go for doubling stretch of this crucial single track in question; and

(c) if not, by when it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) On Mumbai-Chennai route, single exists for about 495 kms.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Rail Projects in Orissa

2858. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his meeting with the GM, ECoR, Chief Minister of Orissa has expressed his unhappiness over the tardy progress of the railway projects in Orissa State and has asked the railway authorities to expedite completion of various rail projects especially Lanjigarh-Junagarh, Khurda-Bolangir rail projects;

(b) whether the CM Orissa has also requested for setting up a coach terminal at Berhampur and arrangement of a pantry car in the Puri-Tirupati, Bhubaneswar-Burla and Bhubaneswar-Yashwantpur express trains; and

(c) if so, what is the time-frame within which the above rail projects would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) No target dates of completion of Lanjigarh-Junagarh and Khurda-Bolangir new line projects have been fixed. Construction of a coaching terminal at Berhampur is not under consideration for the present. Attachment of pantry cars is governed by the existing catering policy.

Attack on trains

2859. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of attacks made on the passengers at railway stations and in the trains in the country by the various groups; and

(b) the details of the steps being taken by Government to ensure the safety of the passengers in trains, particularly in view of the increasing terrorist activities?